

ITEM: 17

SUBJECT: Regional Board Enforcement Program

BOARD ACTION: This is an informational item to report recent Enforcement Program activities and accomplishments, and the program outlook for Regional Board discussion.

BACKGROUND: Governor Schwarzenegger's *Action Plan for California's Environment* and the Cal/EPA *Strategic Vision* established a management priority to improve enforcement. In November 2004, Cal/EPA issued the *Enforcement Initiative*, setting forth a series of actions to be taken by Cal/EPA and its boards, departments and offices to implement the *Action Plan* and to improve enforcement results. The *2005 Water Board Enforcement Plan* specifies actions the Water Boards are taking to participate in this effort to improve enforcement.

The Regional Board has responded. It has been working to enhance enforcement efforts by carrying out actions specified in the *Water Board Enforcement Plan*, as well as evaluating and refining internal processes and procedures to more efficiently manage the enforcement caseload, and ensure consistent, timely, fair, effective enforcement responses.

ISSUES: The staff presentation will address the following topics:

- Enforcement policies and procedures
- Regional Board Enforcement Program activities
 - programmatic efforts
 - caseload summary and highlights
- Program outlook
 - short-term
 - long-term

RECOMMENDATION: Information Item only.

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